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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2016–N043; FXIA16710900000-156-FF09A30000]

Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibit activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: *Submitting Comments:* You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on **Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2016–N043**.
- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: **Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2016–N043**; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

When submitting comments, please indicate the **name of the applicant and the PRT#** you are commenting on. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This

generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the **Public Comments** section below for more information). *Viewing Comments:* Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; telephone 703–358–2095.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2281 (fax); *DMAFR@fws.gov* (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How Do I Request Copies of Applications or Comment on Submitted Applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I Review Comments Submitted by Others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009 - Transparency and

Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

Endangered Species

**Applicant: The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, Champaign, IL;
PRT-84465A**

The applicant requests an amendment to their permit to import samples from captive-born and wild hutia species (*Capromys species*), Cuban solenodon (*Solenodon cubanus*), Haitian/Hispaniolan solenodon (*Solenodon paradoxus*), Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*), black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*), Northern white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum cottoni*), Javan rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros sondaicus*), Indian rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*), Sumatran rhinoceros (*Dicerorhinus sumatrensis*), cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*), Pakistan sand cat (*Felis margarita scheffeli*), black-footed cat (*Felis nigripes*), Baird's tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*), lion (*Panthera leo leo*), and leopard (*panther pardus*) from multiple locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx, NY; PRT-82159B

The applicant requests a permit to import two male captive-bred red-collared brown lemurs (*Eulemur collaris*) from Tierpark Berlin–Friedrichsfelde, Berlin, Germany, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through zoological display and captive propagation.

Applicant: Atlanta-Fulton County Zoo, dba Zoo Atlanta, Atlanta, GA; PRT-85599B

The applicant requests a permit to export two captive-bred female giant panda (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*) to Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, Chengdu, China, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through conservation breeding.

Applicant: Steven Lambert, La Mesa CA; PRT-121977

The applicant requests an amendment to an existing captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to add the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Bolson tortoise (*Gopherus flavomarginatus*), aquatic box turtle (*Terrapene Coahuila*), yellow-spotted river turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*), spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*), Grand Cayman blue iguana (*Cyclura lewisi*), and Cuban ground iguana (*Cyclura nubila nubila*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: U.S. Geological Survey, National Wildlife Health Center, Honolulu, HI;
PRT-105568**

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples and carcasses from wild, captive-held, or captive born animals for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species and scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Carmelo Musacchia New York, NY; PRT-80906B

Applicant: Victor Sanchez, Humble, TX; PRT-84418B

Applicant: Thomas Salmon, Odessa, TX; PRT-86900B

Applicant: Danny Janecka, Waelder, TX; PRT-87863B

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